

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office has required restriction of original Claims 1-20 into the following groups.

- I. Claims 14-20, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device.
- II. Claims 1-13, drawn to a semiconductor device.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (Claims 14-20) for further prosecution.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement for the following reasons.

Applicants submit the restriction requirement is improper, since original Claims 1-13 have been canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed November 19, 2003. Thus, the above restriction improperly includes original Claims 1-13. Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone discussion on June 2, 2004 with Applicants' undersigned representative. During this discussion, the Examiner requested a provisional election of Group I, and asserted that she would withdraw the restriction requirement and act on Claims 14-20 as provided in the Preliminary Amendment filed November 19, 2003.

Accordingly for at least the above reasons, Applicants submit that the Office has not issued a proper restriction in the present application. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and earnestly request early notice of such action.

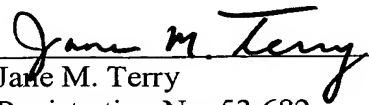
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